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SUBJECT: FURTHER SYRIAN REACTION TO UNGA RESOLUTIONSB

1. NOV 13 PRESS REPORTED STATEMENT ISSUED BY FEDERATION OF ARAB LAWYERS IN DAMASCUS LAUDING PASSAGE OF THREE RESOLUTIONS AS VICTORY FOR PRINCIPLES OF UN AND "BLOW FOR IMPERIALIST AND RACIST FORCES." IT CALLED ON ARAB COUNTRIES TO "REASSESS" POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS ACCORDING TO THEIR POSITION TOWARD RESOLUTIONS.

2. Wafa ANNOUNCED THAT RESOLUTIONS WERE VICTORY FOR PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION AND "CLEAR CONDEMNATION OF SINAI AGREEMENT" WHICH MADE NO REFERENCE TO PALESTINIAN RIGHTS AND STRUGGLE TO RECOVER THEIR TERRITORY. IN ADDITION, AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF PLO CENTRAL COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN DAMASCUS EVENING NOV 14 TO

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DISCUSS RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING

PALESTINIAN ISSUE AND SITUATION IN LEBANON.

3. PAPERS CITED TASS STATEMENT THAT RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ZIONISM WAS "JUST CONDEMNATION OF ZIONIST AGGRESSIVE IDEOLOGY AIMING AT RACIAL SUPREMACY.Z TASS CASTIGATED ISRAELI ASSOCIATION WITH "MOST REACTIONARY AND IMPERIALIST POWERS ON INTERNATIONAL LEVEL" AND ISRAEL'S DISREGARD OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.

4. PRESS QUOTED OTHER REPORTS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR UNGA "VICTORY" AND ADDED THAT "IMPERIALIST AND ZIONIST CIRCLES" HAVE LAUNCHED CAMPAIGN AGAINST RESOLUTIONS. IT ALSO NOTED RABIN REQUEST FOR URGENT MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL ZIONIST LEADERS AND FORD-KISSINGER "THREATS" AGAINST NATIONS WHICH VOTED IN FAVOR OF ZIONISM RESOLUTION.

5. MOST LENGTHY EDITORIAL COMMENT APPEARED IN TISHRIIN, WHICH PRINTED FULL-PAGE ANALYSIS BY DR. ABD AL-KARIM SA'UD OF DR. ISRAEL SHAHAK'S BOOK "RACISM IN THE STATE OF ISRAEL," "DOCUMENTING" ISRAELI RACIAL SYSTEM USING EVIDENCE SUPPLIED BY ISRAELI AUTHOR. ANOTHER COLUMNIST CHARACTERIZED AMERICAN-LED CAMPAIGN AS MOTIVATED BY "ELECTORAL COMPETITION AMONG HYPOCRITES." CONCLUDED ON NOTE THAT "DESPITE FACT FORD LEADING IMPERIALIST CAMPAIGN, PRES. SADAT SENT CABLE TO PRES FORD THANKING HIM FOR HIS STAND TOWARD ARAB CAUSE." THIRD COLUMNIST NOTED "THIS VICTORY OVER ZIONISM" IS RESULT OF "REAL STRUGGLE," AND URGED FURTHER EFFORTS ON "PRACTICAL LEVELS" TO PREVENT ZIONISTS FROM GAINING WORLD SYMPATHY.

6. COMMENT: FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST, SELF-CONGRATULATION ON PASSAGE OF UN RESOLUTIONS ON ZIONISM AND PALESTINE HAS REPLACED CRITICISM OF SINAI ACCORD AS FOCAL ISSUE OF DAMASCUS PRESS.
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